

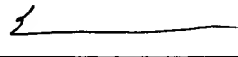
The Examiner has provisionally rejected claims 1-26 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-54 of U.S. Application No. 10/056,576. In response, Applicant is filing simultaneously herewith, a terminal disclaimer in which a terminal portion of the claims of the subject application that extends beyond the term of the claims of the U.S. Application No. 10/056,576, if the subject application were to mature into a granted patent is disclaimed. It is respectfully submitted that in view of the terminal disclaimer, the Examiner should withdraw his rejection of claims 1-26 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting.

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Respectfully submitted,

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